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To:

Mary Savage- Dunham, Director of Community Planning

Hingham Planning Board

From: Police Chief Glenn A. Olsson

Date: February 1, 2017

Re:

Worlds End Reservation – Trustees of Reservation

Martins Lane

Dear Planning Board,



Over the past several years the Police Department has been receiving complaints of parking issues related to the Trustees of Reservations, Worlds End Reservations. These include traffic back-ups and overflow parking on Martins Lane and the surrounding streets. We have worked with the local neighborhood and the Trustees of Reservations to find solutions. In response to these discussions and meetings the Trustees of Reservation submitted for approval expanded parking and traffic management plan. These plans were designed to alleviate the existing parking and related safety issues that currently exist.

Since the beginning of the permitting process we have had many meetings and input from numerous people and peer review of the plans. The plans have been modified by the Trustees of Reservation to address the Police Departments concerns. The physical improvements to the site as proposed, with operational adjustments, will allow them to manage the traffic and parking internal to their property, to the benefit of the town. I believe that increased parking is needed. I support the proposed 107 spaces at a minimum and would support a greater number. The management plan provides for added police presence during peak usage times and large events

Having reviewed all updated materials including the site plan and the Parking and Traffic Management Plan, in my opinion, the design as proposed will provide a significant improvement to the existing public safety concerns that resulted in this application.

Respectfully,

Glenn A. Olsson Chief of Police